

Program Proposed Budget									
Budget Item	Base Budget Fiscal 2000	PL Adjustment Fiscal 2002	Base New Proposals Fiscal 2002	Total Exec. Budget Fiscal 2002	PL Adjustment Fiscal 2003	Base New Proposals Fiscal 2003	Total Exec. Budget Fiscal 2003	Total Exec. Budget Fiscal 02-03	
FTE	5.00	0.00	0.00	5.00	0.00	0.00	5.00	5.00	
Personal Services	149,492	29,050	0	178,542	30,256	0	179,748	358,290	
Operating Expenses	167,637	6,481	0	174,118	1,658	0	169,295	343,413	
<b>Total Costs</b>	<b>\$317,129</b>	<b>\$35,531</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$352,660</b>	<b>\$31,914</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$349,043</b>	<b>\$701,703</b>	
General Fund	317,129	35,531	0	352,660	31,914	0	349,043	701,703	
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>\$317,129</b>	<b>\$35,531</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$352,660</b>	<b>\$31,914</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$349,043</b>	<b>\$701,703</b>	

### Agency Description

The Commissioner of Political Practices was created and is governed by Title 13, Chapter 37, MCA. Additional responsibilities were defined by legislative initiative in 1980 requiring disclosure of acts by lobbyists and business interests of elected officials. The commissioner also has responsibility for ethical standards of conduct for legislators, public officers, and state employees pursuant to Title 2, Chapter 2, MCA.

Biennium Budget Comparison								
Budget Item	Present Law Fiscal 2002	New Proposals Fiscal 2002	Total Exec. Budget Fiscal 2002	Present Law Fiscal 2003	New Proposals Fiscal 2003	Total Exec. Budget Fiscal 2003	Total Biennium Fiscal 00-01	Total Exec. Budget Fiscal 02-03
FTE	5.00	0.00	5.00	5.00	0.00	5.00	0.00	5.00
Personal Services	178,542	0	178,542	179,748	0	179,748	405,863	358,290
Operating Expenses	174,118	0	174,118	169,295	0	169,295	279,227	343,413
<b>Total Costs</b>	<b>\$352,660</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$352,660</b>	<b>\$349,043</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$349,043</b>	<b>\$685,090</b>	<b>\$701,703</b>
General Fund	352,660	0	352,660	349,043	0	349,043	685,090	701,703
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>\$352,660</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$352,660</b>	<b>\$349,043</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$349,043</b>	<b>\$685,090</b>	<b>\$701,703</b>

### Funding

The Commissioner of Political Practices is funded by the general fund. The Commissioner is required to charge nominal fees for printing and distribution, receive filing fees from lobbyists, and can levy civil fines for violation of campaign laws. These revenues are less than \$5,000 annually and are deposited in the general fund.

Present Law Adjustments									
-----Fiscal 2002-----					-----Fiscal 2003-----				
FTE	General Fund	State Special	Federal Special	Total Funds	FTE	General Fund	State Special	Federal Special	Total Funds
Personal Services				29,050					30,256
Vacancy Savings				0					0
Inflation/Deflation				(355)					(348)
Fixed Costs				6,836					2,006
<b>Total Statewide Present Law Adjustments</b>				<b>\$35,531</b>					<b>\$31,914</b>
<b>Grand Total All Present Law Adjustments</b>				<b>\$35,531</b>					<b>\$31,914</b>

### Executive Present Law Adjustments

The increased costs associated with the Commissioner of Political Practices are based on statewide adjustments to personal services and fixed costs.